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SUBJECT: JFAP FUNDING: GOJ PROPOSAL

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1. SUMMARY: DOD HAS DECIDED TO REJECT GOJ PROPOSAL TO TRADE KADENA HOUSING FOR MISAWA HOUSING BUT IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE GOJ PACKAGE. FORMAL RESPONSE WILL BE COMMUNICATED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS, AND EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS MESSAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. EA/J(DEMING) ACCOMPANIED BY HOWARD MCELROY MET WITH ADM. SEARS AND DEP. ASST. SECDEF(I&L) FLIAKAS ON JULY 17 TO DISCUSS JFAP PROBLEM AT MISAWA. SEARS AND FLIAKAS SAID THAT THEY HAD BOTH BEEN "UNEASY" ABOUT OUR REQUEST FOR GOJ TO BUILD MORE THAN 200 HOUSES AT MISAWA TO ACCOMMODATE P-3 RELOCATION. NUMBER OF FAMILY UNITS FULLY JUSTIFIED BY P-3 MOVE PER SE WAS PROBABLY NO MORE THAN 35, AND AT THIS POINT DOD WOULD BE HAPPY TO GET THOSE. WE EXPLAINED THAT WHILE GOJ HAD EARLIER QUESTIONED NUMBER OF HOUSES, PROBLEM NOW WAS FINDING POLITICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR BUILDING ANY FAMILY HOUSING AT MISAWA IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO QUID PRO QUO RELEASE AT IWAKUNI. WE SAID THAT IN OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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JUDGEMENT, GOJ WAS SIMPLY NOT GOING TO BUILD ANY FAMILY HOUSING AT MISAWA.

3. SEARS SAID THAT TRADE OFF OF KADENA HOUSING FOR MISAWA HOUSING PROPOSED BY GOJ WAS NOT ATTRACTIVE. DOD HAD BEEN

SURPRISED WHEN 200 MILCON HOUSES AT MISAWA PASSED CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY, AND TO GO BACK TO THE HILL TO REQUEST TRANSFER OF KADENA HOUSING FUNDS TO MISAWA WOULD BE "FOOLHARDY." MOREOVER, SEARS CONTINUED, IN VIEW OF GENERAL DRAWDOWN LIKELY IN OKINAWA OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, ALREADY PROGRAMMED JFAP HOUSING AT KADENA SHOULD MEET NEEDS ADEQUATELY. DOD WOULD PREFER TO SEE 8.7 BILLION YEN USED FOR OTHER JFAP PROJECTS RATHER THAN KADENA HOUSING.

4. SEARS SAID THAT WHILE HOUSING AT MISAWA WAS SERIOUS PROBLEM, HE ATTACHED GREATEST URGENCY TO OPERATIONAL PROJECTS. DOD IS PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON JASDF THIRD WING MOVE IN ORDER TO GIVE GOJ RATIONALE FOR COMPLETING THESE PROJECTS.

5. COMMENT: WE SEE NO REASON TO QUARREL WITH DOD DECISION. I&L IS AWARE THAT REFUSING GOJ OFFER ON KADENA IS UNLIKELY TO CAUSE GOJ TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ON MISAWA HOUSING, BUT DOD APPEARS GENUINELY UNINTERESTED IN USING FUNDS AT KADENA. SEARS AND FLIAKAS EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH PACE AND STANDARDS OF JFAP CONSTRUCTION, AND INDICATED THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO DWELL ON MISAWA HOUSING PROBLEM BUT RATHER GET ON WITH THE REMAINING JFAP PROJECTS. SEARS AND FLIAKAS ARE PLANNING TO VISIT JAPAN IN MID-AUGUST. ITINERARY AND SCOPE WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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